



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Boellner et al

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Examiner: Naoko N. Slack

For: COMPOSITE SLAB AND JOIST
ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURE THEREOF

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ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 1, 2004, the time to respond to which is herein being extended by one (1) month, to November 1, 2004, applicant hereby elects:

Group I
Claims 1-15 and 22-32
Species IV, FIG. 8
Claims 1, 5-15 and 22-32

REMARKS

The Examiner has requested election and restriction between Group I, namely claims 1-15 and 22-32 and Group II, namely claims 16-21. Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the claims of Group I and reserves the right to file a divisional application or take such other appropriate measures as deemed necessary to protect the inventions of Group II.

The Examiner further requested an election between Species I, FIG. 7; Species II, FIG. 7A; Species III, FIG. 7B and Species IV, FIG. 8. Applicant has provisionally elected Species IV, FIG. 8, and reserves the right to file a divisional application or take such other appropriate measures as

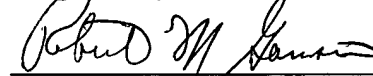
deemed necessary to protect the inventions of Species I, II and III. Claims 1, 5-15 and 22-32 are considered to be readable on Species IV.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims for additional species which include the limitations of the allowed generic claim.

Upon examination of the application on this basis, a favorable consideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully solicited.

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Date

Respectfully submitted,



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